servants for corruption and criminal activities, during the month of April this year,

(b) if so, the details of the public servants so booked and their alleged involvement in such activities and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken against the public servants involved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI MATI MARGARET ALVA) (a) Yes Sir

(b) 170 public servants of which 121 are of Gazetted status, are involved in 104 cases registered by the CBI during April 1991, on the allegation of possession of assets disproportionate to their known sources of incomes, showing undue official favours and criminal misconduct etc

(c) regular cases have been registered against officials concerned

[Translation]

SEPARATE ALLOCATIONS FOR SCs|STs

247 SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal to earmark separate funds in the Central Budget in proportionate to the population of Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes and spend this amount for this section of community only on priority basis and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H R BHARDWAJ) (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise

[English]

INCENTIVES TO SMALL AND MEDIUM SCALE INDUSTRIES

248 SHRI CHANDRAJEET YADAV Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of the measures under consideraton to give a boost to small and medium scale industries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF P J KURIEN) A number of measures have been taken by Government to boost small scale industries These include provision of infrastructural support and a package of incentives and concessions like concessional finance excise benefits, marketing support through reservation of items for exclusive production in the small scale sector reservation of items for purchase from small scale units supply of machinery on hire purchase basis by National Small Industries Corporation, provision of technical consultancy services, provision of industrial accommodation, testing facilities, common facility services and other infrastructural facilities

IMPROVEMENT IN PLANNING PROCESS

250 SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUI Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are contemplating steps to improve the planning process during the Eighth Plan period so that the benefits of various developmental schemes actually reach the intended beneficiaries and

(b) if so the details thereof ?

THE MINISTSRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H R BHARDWAJ) (a) and (b) Developmental Planning is a dynamic and continuous process Efforts are made to improve on the planning process, while formulating each Five Year Plan, based on the experience gained from the past